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practitioner. I have very rarely had my children in an emergency room situation, and they were extreme situations, they were not just that the child was ill. I take my children, after a few days at home, if things have not cleared up through over-the-counter medication, to the doctor and go ahead through that process, which probably most of us do. That's the same type of relationship that an adult of the children who covered under this legislation could go ahead and start with the children in their family. But it won't cover the adults. And I don't think it should cover the adults, 'cause we're not talking adult care here, we're not talking about expanding Medicaid to adults. And the only portion of children that you are going to continue, that you're going to increase coverage for under 1063 that we haven't already covered in the state of Nebraska because we have so expanded our Medicaid program. And you have to understand, when the federal government passes legislation, they are talking about states like Nebraska, who have tremendously expansive Medicaid programs. We cover a number of adults, we cover a number of optional services, we have top of the line ...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR WITEK: ... Medicaid services, compared to a lot of states, and they have to have those types of states in the same legislation as other states that only cover, for instance if you look on this chart 100 percent of the ADC and children under of ADC, they haven't expanded their Ribicoff program, they haven't expanded their SAM program, we have in the state of Nebraska. So the only extra children that aren't covered, so far, with all the coverage that we have in the state of Nebraska, that would be covered under 1063 are those children in families who have never been on, as I understand it, a government program. And that's not a very large amount of kids, although you'll hear...and that's something we have yet to determine, we don't even know how many kids this is going to cover. You hear estimates from 20,000 kids to 45,000 kids. The federal legislation was all based on estimates of children, it's all estimation at this point on how many kids we're going to cover and ...

SPEAKER KKISTENSEN: Time.